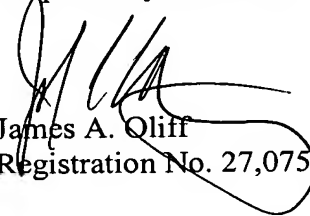


REMARKS

Claims 17-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the abstract is amended and claims 1-16 are canceled. Claims 17-32 are new.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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